

# Dr. Abraham Maslow, Founder Of Humanistic Psychology, Dies

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MENLO PARK Calif., June 9—Dr. Abraham Maslow, professor of psychology at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., and founder of what has come to be known as humanistic psychology, died here yesterday of a heart attack. He was 62 years old.

Dr. Maslow had completed one year of a four-year writing and research grant awarded by the Laughlin Foundation here.

He wrote half a dozen books on psychology. Among them were "Motivation and Personality" (1956), and "Toward a Psychology of Science" (1966).

His humanistic psychology, which has been called the third school of psychology, along with Freudian psychology and behaviorism, was first outlined in articles Dr. Maslow wrote in 1943.

A former colleague said that some recent manifestations of Dr. Maslow's school are Synanon, the drug addiction rehabilitation center, and the Esalen Institute, one of the best-known centers practicing the group encounter form of psychotherapy.

Dr. Maslow was a former president of the American

Psychological Association. He had been an editor and a contributor to psychology journals. He developed many concepts widely used both by psychologists and in industry, among them the theory of the hierarchy of needs.

Dr. Maslow was born in Brooklyn in 1908. He took all his degrees at the University of Wisconsin: B.A. in 1930, M.A. in 1931, and Ph.D. in 1934. He held an honorary degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

He taught at Brooklyn College and at Teachers College of Columbia University before joining the Brandeis staff in 1951. At Brandeis he was Philip Meyers, Professor of Psychology and, from 1951 to 1961, chairman of the psychology department.

On his grant here he was investigating the nature of evil in man.

Surviving are his widow, Bertha; two daughters, Mrs. Jerome Caplan of Columbus, Ohio, and Ellen, of New York City; three brothers, Harold, Paul and Lewis Maslow; two sisters, Mrs. Mitchell Morris and Mrs. Oscar Lewis, wife of the anthropologist and author, and one grandchild.